

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATIONS, please replace paragraph numbered [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application is a divisional application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/967,462, filed September 28, 2001, entitled "Microparticle Compositions and Methods For the Manufacture Thereof," which claims the benefit of priority to This application is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/236,077, filed September 28, 2000, which This application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety